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1. The Bureau of Hungarian Refugees, 12 rue de la Grange Bateliere, Paris, recently received an announcement calling for Hungarian "partisans" to volunteer for "light" work. [REDACTED] the announcement in question came from one Pierre Hackenberg @ Almasy and that in effect the purpose was to recruit volunteers for clandestine work in Hungary.

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[REDACTED] Mrs. Alexandre Igady-Kiss and Ernest Kiraly* investigated this offer. Their experiences were published in an article by Alexandre Igady-Kiss in the Nyugati Hírnök (Courrier de l'Occident) of 12 October 1950 (see attached translation).

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- Almasy-Hackenberg is apparently relatively unknown in the Hungarian colony [REDACTED] in view of the fact that he has occasionally served as translator for the Surete Nationale, that he may be acting on behalf of the French services in this respect.

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4. Another Hungarian emigre who is recruiting Hungarian military men in France in the name of the Hungarian National Council is Louis Varadi, who has been repudiated by Tibor Eckhardt as acting without authority. [REDACTED] states that Varadi is acting for Ernest Kiraly, who has founded the "Felszabaditasi Mozgalom" ("Movement of Liberation") in opposition to the "Federation of Hungarian Warriors" (MHBK). [REDACTED] the attacks by this movement, as well as by other leftist groups, particularly the Socialists, against the MHBK have grown more violent since the latter has received the support of Tibor Eckhardt.

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- 25X1A * [REDACTED] background and current activities of Kiraly.

Enclosure (2 pages) Translation of announcement

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HOTEL RESIDENCE, PARIS:
HUNGARIAN PARTICIPANTS ARE BEING SOUGHT!

"We are seeking young men for light work. Hotel Residence Alhambra, 15 Rue de Malte, Paris 11e." Here are the details of the announcement.

"Since we are now struggling in an emigration and since almost all of us are hungry, the journalist begins to look for light work. What can he do? Sell newspapers? Copy addresses? Clean rooms? But what's the difference! Anything that will fill our stomachs!

"And the frustrated journalist, full of hope, knocks at the door No. 2 on the second floor of the Hotel Residence Alhambra. A young man half opens the door in order to have a quick glance. --I have come for the light work, Monsieur... The young man, about 25 or 26 years old, stares at his visitor and asks him this question:

"What are your political leanings?"

"My Lord, what can I say? the visitor wonders. For he feels that he has arrived at a crucial moment in his life; his future hangs on a single word. And since, with the promptness that characterizes the working of our brain at decisive moments in our life, he understands that he must say: Extreme right... Because to keep in balance with the extreme left of the motherland, the emigres evolve toward the extreme right. And if they, themselves, did not want to evolve in this sense, certain calculating politicians would accomplish it. One can only get hooked at his extremities. All right: extreme right.

"Total success. Because the young man opens the door completely.

"My name is Almasi. Please come in."

"The journalist does not need to be pressed. The hotel room inspires his confidence. It must have cost some 800 francs a day. It is evident that M. Almasi does not go hungry....

"All right, Monsieur, you understand. It is a question of organizing groups of partisans. Each group will have 25 members. Your contract will begin the moment your group of 25 is formed. You will join your special formation in Austria. Then, in Yugoslavia you will be stationed along the Hungarian frontier and in little groups of five each, at the same moment you will infiltrate into Hungary. That is the essential item!

"The journalist is not stupid, he understands the gist of the plan quickly, in all its importance. In effect, it's light work. Nothing more than infiltrating in groups of five into Hungary. But what of "exfiltrating" so that one does not become intimately acquainted with the stake. Light work, indeed! It is light and simple above all because M. Almasi adds that important forces are to be found behind this action. He mentions a military organization, then he talks of Yugoslavia, and he even adds the names of western powers. When the journalist remarks that certain efforts will perhaps be required to cross the frontier, he says presumptuously:

"How many men do you think are in the frontier guard?"

"6,000!" the journalist answers (although he could just as well have said 600 or 60,000).

"And how many among them do you think will stand guard on a winter dawn on a 5 kilometer strip that we shall designate?"

"22.

M. Almasi looks triumphantly at the speaker.

"You see, you know it too!... And then, you can also imagine that 25 men can easily disarm 22 frontier guards."

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And, to add more weight to his words, he adds:

"We have money, as much as we wish."

"It is this money that interests the journalist. But M. Alamy becomes more cautious. Payment will begin only after the organization of the groups of 25. But finally he consents to give an advance of 4 to 5,000 francs. He will give it on the following day. The meeting is the next morning at nine in front of the main entrance to the Pere Lachaise cemetery. The advance will be paid at 114 rue Chomin-Vert. A little advance for light work.... Really, he is lucky. All he must do is to infiltrate his homeland and they will pay him for that. When he leaves the Hotel Residence Alhambra, he feels relieved. He has a job. He has become an "infiltrator."

"The next day he did not go to the meeting place.

"The subway ticket cost 20 francs. He wondered if it were really worth while to risk these 20 francs.

"And besides that, he feels that the French authorities would also be interested in the light work offered by M. Alamy.

"And just when the newspaper is closing, he learns that his feelings were not mistaken.

"Well, he did not continue his relations with M. Alamy. Instead, with his 20 francs he bought some bread which he nibbled slowly in the misty Paris morning and he recited to himself the soft words of the poet:

"Another received two jobs by luck,

"No, I had only one, and I lost it too."

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